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GLADES COUNTY MAN SENTENCED FOR PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Fort Myers, Florida - U.S. District Judge John E. Steele, yesterday sentenced Michael Tyler, age 34, of Glades County, to a total 50 years' imprisonment for transporting material involving the sexual exploitation of minors, permitting or assisting by a parent or legal guardian in the sexual exploitation of a minor, and using a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct.

Tyler entered a plea of guilty on October 2, 2006. Tyler was adjudicated guilty on October 10, 2006.

According to court documents, a computer forensic examination of Tyler's computer and two CDs revealed in excess of 350 child pornographic images and 18 movies depicting minor boys engaged in sexually explicit conduct. A further investigation identified three minor victims. On January 25, 2005, while in Glades County, Florida, Tyler transmitted three images of an identified minor boy (V2) engaged in sexually explicit conduct during an America Online Instant Messenger chat session. Tyler had taken the pictures of the

minor (V2) on December 28, 2003, while living in Brevard County, Florida. Additionally, on April 21, 2004, Tyler produced two images of his adopted minor son (V1) engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and Tyler transported these images through Yahoo Messenger Photo Sharing on April 22, 2004. On April 12, 2005, Tyler produced an image of yet another victim (V3) engaging in sexually explicit activity with Tyler's adopted minor son (V1), and Tyler transmitted this image using Yahoo Messenger Photo Sharing.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Secret Service, and the Glades County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Yolande G. Viacava.